

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Applicants thank the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 1-3 and 16 were pending prior to the Office Action. No claims have been added through this reply. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter included therein. Therefore, claims 2-3 and 16 are pending. Claim 2 is independent. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the remarks presented herein, and earnestly seeks a timely allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate that claims 2-3 and 16 are indicated to define allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended indicated allowable dependent claim 2 with the feature of independent claim 1 – no intervening claim(s) exist. Claim 1 has been canceled. Therefore, claim 2 is allowable. Dependent claims 3 and 16 remain allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

Thus, Applicants believe that the pending application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested for at least the above reasons.

Conclusion

Therefore, for at least these reasons, all claims are believed to be allowable over the cited prior art, individually or in any combination. In view of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that the pending application be allowed.

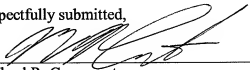
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Aslan Ettetahieh Reg. No. 62,278

at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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